

LOCAL ITEMS

About Our Town and Its People

Mrs. Jay Hubbard and Mrs. E. L. Leno went to Grand Rapids Tuesday morning for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fisher and daughter, Ethelyn, of Erie, Pa., returned Monday morning via auto route, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Orser. Mrs. Orser returned with them for a three weeks' visit.

Mrs. Catharine Russell of Smyrna was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Will Walker and Mrs. Delos Dickens the first of the week. She returned home Tuesday morning.

After the original notification by the war department of an injury to an American soldier, the department sends no further word to the relatives provided the wound is healing. In other words, no news from an injured soldier is good news.

Miss Genevieve Nolan of Ionia is spending the week at the Klock residence in this city.

At the Methodist church Sunday, July 14, Rev. H. G. Wright will preach at 10:30. Sunday school at 12:00. Epworth League at 6:30.

Ainsworth O. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orley Green, has enlisted and left Saturday for Columbus, Ohio, Greenville, Cal. (Mr. Green was formerly a resident of this city.)

Thos. W. Whitehouse of Lapeer, formerly foreman in the Banner office, has been in the city during the past week looking after his property here.

Miss Minnie Cook Sunday, the guest of Miss Minnie Cook Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Brown, who has been ill for some time, is still confined to her bed.

Mrs. James Parks, who visited Mrs. Emma Brown last week returned to her home in Grand Rapids on Friday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Luck, who will spend the summer with her.

Theda Bara in "Camille," a Wm. Fox super production at the Empress theater Monday, July 15.

Mrs. Fred Olger went to Stanton Tuesday to spend the day.

Mrs. Carrie Stahl and grandson, Richard Rummel left here on the Tuesday morning train for Flint, where they will visit for a time with relatives and friends. "Dick" got a great big bee on Monday and after making up his mind that life in Belding was too full of tragedies, decided to go away for a time.

Mrs. George H. Engemann and little daughter, Ruth Jane, left here Tuesday morning for an extended visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Magin at Alpena.

Mrs. John Martin went to Greenville Tuesday morning to visit relatives and friends for a short time.

Miss Elizabeth Olger returned on Sunday evening from Grand Haven, where she spent a week with her mother and other relatives. She had the pleasure of hearing Thompson's city band of which her brother, Carroll, is a member. The Fourth was spent at Highland Park.

Vern Munger of Fenwick and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wilson and daughter of Sheridan were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brest.

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SCHOOL MEETING WAS LARGEST IN MANY YEARS

E. C. LLOYD RECEIVES HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY VOTE EFFICIENT OFFICERS' PAST WORK IS APPRECIATED.

The annual school meeting held at the high school building Monday night was the largest and best attended meeting held in this district in many years back, in fact no one present ever remembered of a better attendance during any of the years since the district first started.

Pres. E. C. Lloyd of the board of education called the meeting to order at promptly 8 o'clock and he also read the notice of the meeting which was followed by the secretary, Fred L. Warner, reading the minutes of the last annual meeting and the same were approved. Mr. Lloyd brought out one very important announcement and a piece of news which everybody having children at school will be glad to hear, that the fuel for the coming fall and winter had been purchased, delivered and paid for and that there would be no fuel shortage situations this coming year, such as the board and others had to face last winter.

Following a reading of the secretary's report, Wm. Coulter, husband of Pearl Coulter, one of the members of the board of education asked relative to the item "repairs and improvements" mentioned in the report and was told it was for the purchasing of new and needed toilets and repairs on older toilets in the building and that they were paid for, were working good and that the board of education were satisfied that it paid to buy the best. It was quite evident that Mr. Coulter knew all about the items which he asked about through the fact that Mrs. Coulter is one of the members of the board of education and that he was desirous of getting a general discussion on the matter among the people gathered at the meeting. Nothing further was asked regarding it as the people of the district without a doubt had confidence enough in the board to know that the members were acting for the

best interests of all concerned. H. J. Leonard, for many years himself a member of the school board, then paid a very high tribute to Pres. E. C. Lloyd and nominated Mr. Lloyd to succeed himself. The nomination was supported by Ernest Shawley then nominated Perry Wirtz, a north side resident and an employee of the basket company in its canvas department to oppose Mr. Lloyd. Tellers were appointed in the persons of A. M. Hall and L. M. Berry, both members of the board of education.

In the ballot which followed, 243 votes were cast, of which W. R. Olds received two; Perry Wirtz 54 and E. C. Lloyd 187, a splendid vote of honor and appreciation which the people of the district hold for Mr. Lloyd, who has sacrificed his time and business in carefully looking after the business of the schools.

Mr. Lloyd announced that the board had hired Mr. S. F. Skinner, a U. of M. literary department instructor, to take the position of superintendent of schools next year. Mr. Skinner has had many years of experience and the board is fortunate to get a man of his calibre to take this position. Mr. Lloyd also stated that the staff of teachers for the coming year had also been secured.

The amount which will be paid out for teachers' salaries the coming year will be close to \$25,000.00, a considerable increase, something like \$5,000 or \$6,000 more than last year's amount.

On motion to adjourn, which was supported and unanimously carried, the school meeting came to a close.

Marine Corps Notes.
Stockton, Cal., July 8.—Harvey Greer, 19 years of age and a native of Tennessee, is the kind of a conscientious objector that the country is proud of.

"I want to enlist," he told Sergeant R. R. Merzenthall, of the local U. S. Marine corps recruiting station. "You're mighty young," replied Merzenthall, "why do you want to enlist?"

"Because my conscience hurts me," replied young Greer. "I'm afraid the war might be over before I am 21. Then the boys would come home and ask me why I hadn't been in it and I object conscientiously to having no excuse to offer."

Greer's name was soon affixed to the dotted line.

Know your garden and make it produce a balanced ration.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BELDING SAVINGS BANK

At the close of business June 29, 1918, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES:
Loans and Discounts, viz:
Secured by collateral \$12,230.22
Unsecured 75,778.81
Total 88,009.03

Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:
Real estate mortgages 127,222.00
Municipal bonds in office 12,500.00
U. S. bonds and certificates of indebtedness in office 20,368.28
Other bonds 27,975.00
Total 288,087.28

Reserves, viz:
Due from banks in Reserve cities 52,819.93
U. S. bonds and cert. of indebtedness carried as reserve 13,600.00
Exchanges for clearing house 688.42
Currency 3,285.00
Gold coin 818.50
Gold certificates 60.00
Silver coin 1,281.75
Silver certificates 1,493.00
Nickels and cents 67.30
Total 73,975.80

Combined Accounts, viz:
Overdrafts \$ 20.64
Banking house 7,500.00
Furniture and fixtures 500.00
Due from other banks and bankers 724.97
Outside checks and other cash items 77.74
Revenue stamps 72.00
Total \$43,901.35

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock \$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund 15,000.00
Undivided profits, net 12,838.69
Dividends unpaid 2,500.00
Commercial deposits, viz:
Commercial deposits subject to check 1120,835.12
Certified checks 1,361.60
Postal savings deposits 1,122,333.10
Total 2,946,734.91

Savings deposits, viz:
Book accounts, subject to savings by-laws 1198,124.00
Certificates of deposit, subject to savings by-laws 122,951.61
Club savings deposits (Christmas, Thrift, etc.) 8,555.58
Total 2,429,630.19

Total \$234,732.09 \$234,732.09 \$436,951.88

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Ionia—ss.
I, W. S. LAMBERTSON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1918.
LOUIS A. LEONARD, Notary Public.
My commission expires Dec. 14, 1920.

Correct Attest:
E. C. LLOYD,
H. J. LEONARD,
E. E. CHAPPELLE, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

At Belding, Michigan, at the close of business June 29, 1918, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES:
Loans and Discounts, viz:
Secured by collateral \$ 30,778.47
Unsecured 220,308.72
Total 251,087.19

Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:
Real Estate Mortgages \$ 4,000.00
Municipal Bonds, pledged 2,000.00
War Savings and Thrift Stamps 2,500.00
Other bonds 2,500.00
Total 11,000.00

Reserves, viz:
Due from Banks in Reserve Cities \$ 39,818.12
U. S. bonds and Cert. of Indebtedness carried as reserve 1,250.00
Exchanges for clearing house 3,195.39
Currency 10,890.00
Gold coin 2,592.00
Gold certificates 2,130.00
Silver coin 2,336.50
Silver certificates 1,835.00
Nickels and cents 508.24
Total 64,585.25

Combined Accounts, viz:
Overdrafts \$ 266.94
Banking House 3,643.20
Furniture and fixtures 817.96
Outside checks and other cash items 817.96
Total \$51,122.46

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock \$ 40,000.00
Surplus fund 19,000.00
Undivided profits, net 7,231.88
Dividends unpaid 120.00
Reserves for taxes, interest, etc. 700.00
Commercial deposits, viz:
Commercial deposits subject to check 1120,835.12
Demand certificates of deposit 137,052.94
Postal savings deposits 1,012.00
Total 2,946,734.91

Savings deposits, viz:
Book accounts, subject to savings by-laws 1110,012.39
Certificates of deposit, subject to savings by-laws 77,475.77
Club savings deposits (Christmas, Thrift, etc.) 1,100.43
Total 1,888,588.59

Total \$234,732.09 \$234,732.09 \$511,522.46

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AMBRON SPENCER, Notary Public.
My commission expires May 25th, 1919.

Correct Attest:
BRUNTON F. HALL,
GEORGE W. MOULTON,
FRANK R. CHANE, Directors.

BROWN SUCCEEDS PUFFER AS BQ. OF COMMERCE SECRETARY

WAS FOR MANY YEARS WITH RICHARDSON SILK CO.—PUFFER GOES TO FREMONT.

The directors of the board of commerce announce that they have secured the services of Byron Brown for the coming year to act as secretary of the organization in the place of Mr. Puffer who is leaving on Wednesday of this week to take up Y. M. C. A. work in Newaygo county with headquarters at Fremont.

Mr. Puffer has been secretary of the organization for the past year and it is felt that he will be successful in the line of work that he has decided to take up, and our best wishes go with him.

We believe that the board of commerce are to be congratulated upon securing the services of a man of the type of Mr. Brown and one who has had the business experience, he has had in the past and who enjoys such a large acquaintance among the townspeople as well as the surrounding community. It is not often that a community of this size is able to secure a man of the type and experience of Mr. Brown to look after their civic interests and the directors as well as the members of the organization anticipate unusual results for the coming year.

With Mr. Brown's business experience and large circle of friends who will be always willing to assist him he will be able to accomplish much for a "Bigger and Better" Belding.

SOME GOOD ADVICE
Strengthened by Belding Experience. Kidney disease is too dangerous to neglect. At the first sign of backache, headache, dizziness or urinary disorders, you should give the weakened kidneys prompt attention. Eat little meat, take things easier and use a reliable kidney tonic. There is no other kidney medicine so well recommended as Doan's Kidney Pills. Belding people rely on them. Here's one of the many statements from Belding people.

Mrs. H. Gilmore, 215 S. Front St., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills, getting my supply at Connell's drug store, and every time they have proved very satisfactory. I advise anyone subject to disorders of the kidneys to take Doan's."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Gilmore had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

The kaiser is offering Gibraltar to Spain, but neglects to say whether he will deliver it, or expects Spain to go and get it.

July Clearance Sale of Coats

In checking up our coat stock we find a number of excellent garments in good style that must be disposed of without delay: so we have made buying attractive by lowering prices.

\$ 9.00 Coats - \$ 5.75

17.50 Coats - 10.75

18.50 Coats - 12.50

20.00 Coats - 13.50

22.50 Coats - 15.00

32.50 Coats - 21.50

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